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"Children's children are the crown of old men; and the  
glory of children are their fathers." Proverbs 17:6

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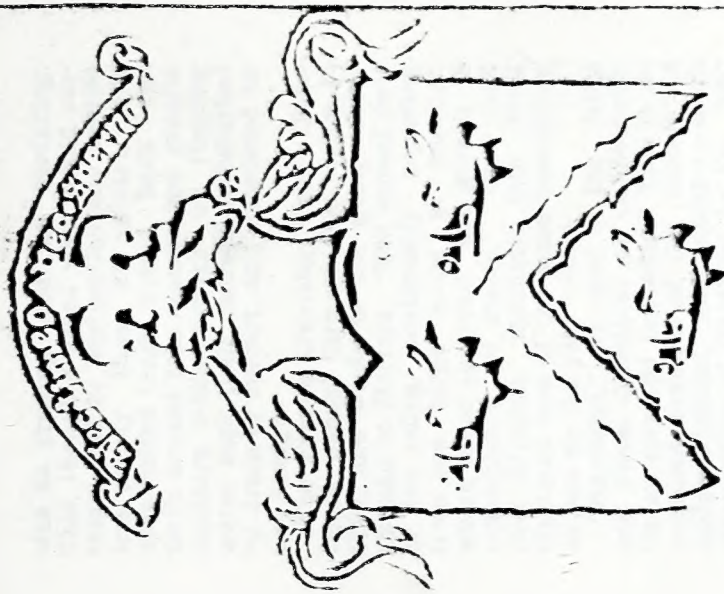
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## The Coming of William French to West Hartland

Long decades after the greater part of Connecticut was thickly settled and interlinked by well-travelled roads, the northwestern corner of the state was still an almost impenetrable wilderness, known as "the Greenwoods" because of the primeval hemlock forest which darkened its rugged hills and deep, narrow valleys, the year 'round. Dwellers in the modern motor-ridden Connecticut have no idea of that earlier forest, as they drive through second-growth and third-growth woods, where the last of the fallen giants long since rotted to oblivion. Great swamps and stagnant ponds have disappeared since evaporation has been hastened by the clearing away of the forests. Modern highways fulfil the scriptural prophecy: "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain," and in their perfection they leave us no hint of the difficulties faced by our forefathers.

The first highway through the heart of this Greenwoods district, which comprised the present towns of Canton, New Hartford, Barkhamsted, Winchester, Hartland, Colebrook, Norfolk, Canaan, Torrington, Goshen and Salisbury, was the "old North Road", laid out in 1761. It was a mere swath cut through the forest, four rods in width, with heaps of stones eighty rods apart, "at every single and occasional turn." There



Greenwoods

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was no grading and no surfacing. This, though a broad way, would certainly lead to destruction any vehicle less sturdy than an ox-cart. The deep-rutted track wound back and forth around tree stumps and granite boulders, while brooks of running water kept their courses undisturbed by drain or culvert, and uncrossed by any bridge.

The French traveller, Count Chasselux, passed through this region in 1780, and wrote of the going from Canaan to Norfolk: "You mount four or five miles, continually bounding from one large stone to another, which cross the road and give it a resemblance of stairs." The road over Riverton mountain into West Hartland was of the same description as late as the year 1915.

"Hartland," we read in the Niles and Pease Gazetteer of Connecticut, "is an elevated township." This is an excellent example of the humor of understatement. The north-to-south intersection of Hartland by the two parallel ridges of the Poppatunuc mountains creates three more or less isolated sections, "the East mountain," the "West mountain," and "the Hollow" between, through which flows the east branch of the Farmington river. Beyond the West mountain lies the narrow valley of the west branch of the Farmington, in which are the villages of Colebrook River and Riverton.

Up this western side of the West mountain, on a summer day in 1799,

toiled a young man of twenty in search of a home for the bride he had left temporarily with her relatives, the Hewits, in Riverton (which as yet bore neither that name nor its earlier one of Hitchcocksville). William French, Jr., and Rachel Hewit had been married July 18th, 1788, in Raynham, Mass. William had nearly completed his term of seven years as apprentice to a Raynham wheelwright, when he felt the necessity of being at once in a position to earn a full livelihood, and, taking advantage of the Massachusetts law which terminated apprenticeship in case of marriage, he set out with his bride to seek their fortune in a new country.

Though this young man was entering sparsely settled territory, he was not without neighbors. Pioneer settlers had come thirty years earlier. After a long, weary climb, without yet having reached the top of the mountain, the young home-seeker came in sight of the clearing in which stood the home of Samuel Beach, a house of hewn logs built in 1768 by the Tory counterfeiter, Simon Baxter, when he came over from the East mountain. This house stood about ten rods below the present home of Dr. Dean S. Fansler. With the Beaches, William French found a temporary home and friends who remained true through the years. He was later to own and occupy the Baxter-Beach house for over fifty years, but his first settlement was on





seven acres of land further up the mountain, in the "Mill street" district, purchased for 12 pounds and ten shillings from West Hartland's first blacksmith, Uriah Hyde. This homestead was located in the third division of the proprietors' lots, in the middle tier, being a part of the lot laid out to Timothy Seymour of Hartford (Lot No. 26. Proprietors' Records). William's land was bounded west on Charles Cadwell's (later Samuel Barber's, Samuel and Paul Parson's, Calvin Barber's, John Green's, Truman Osborn's, Orton B. French's, and now owned by the widow of A. J. Crunden) south, on a highway, now discontinued, which ran east from Mill street to a north-to-south highway also discontinued; east, on the land of Uriah Hyde; north, on land of —Bushnell's. The land across the highway, south, was owned by the Cadwells at William French's first coming, and later, when he bought an acre of it to add to his farm, by Samuel and Paul Parsons. These brothers were operators of a sawmill which was afterward carried on by the French family for many years.

Besides those already mentioned, the neighborhood in 1788 included the homes of Frederick Spencer, a tailor; Benoni Beach; Childs Taylor, a Revolutionary soldier and veteran of Ticonderoga, Princeton and Germantown, who came to Hartland from Chatham (now Portland) Conn.,

with his wife, Rhoda (Drew), of Middletown; Joseph Gilbert; Titus Allen, who came in 1774 from New Haven; Hezekiah Atkins; James Markham; Capt. Samuel Banning, who came in 1764 from Lyme; Zophar Beach, brother of Samuel; David Gilbert; Elias Hayes; and yet others.

Over in the Center Hill district lived the Wilders and the Tiffanys, notable clans. Jonas Wilder, according to the Connecticut Courant of Jan. 19, 1796, was then living in the 27th year of his age, and still doing a full day's work. He was one of the first settlers of the town, and in 1796 was the oldest person that ever had lived there. He had had two wives, both of the same name, Eunice Beaman, and all his 12 children were then living, the oldest in the 73rd year of his age. Jonas' posterity was numbered in 1773, and found to be 232, of which he had lost only 16, "and how many hath increased since then is not known," as some had removed to the western country. Of his seven sons, all were distinguished, filling, besides town and society offices the following: one colonel, one major, one captain, two lieutenants, three justices of the peace, three representatives, and three deacons.

Consider Tiffany, Jr., had settled on the West mountain in 1760, coming with Jonas Wilder from Lyme. He had been a sergeant in the French and Indian wars. In Hartland he farmed and kept a country store. He





was a student, an astronomer, said to have calculated an almanac, and a writer of prose and verse. His diary, filled with interesting records, is preserved, besides other manuscripts and books. He had an extensive library for those times. A list of the sixty-four volumes he owned in 1788 has been found in his own hand-writing, in a book of sermons. He was of a strongly religious temperament, a member of the Church of England, and a Loyalist. During the War of Independence he was confined to the limits of his Hartland farm for over 15 months, because of his outspoken Toryism. For all that, he was none the less highly respected in the neighborhood.

Tiffany's son, Consider III, was a lad of 19 at the time of William French's coming to Hartland. He was later to exchange a son and a daughter in marriage with a son and daughter of William's, and so doubly link the families of Tiffany and French. The genealogy of the French family will be fully presented for the first time in this book. The family register of the Tiffanys, with a partial genealogy of the Frenches, was published by the late Ella F. Wright of Waterbury in 1904.

## FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

### JOHN (1) \*

b. about 1612, Scotland, near the southern border.

" m Grace [ ] Settled first in Dorchester, Mass., where he was admitted freeman in 1639. On 24 Feb. 1639-40 the town of Boston granted him 20 acres in old Braintree, Mass., then known as Monatiquot, and there he soon removed. There the following children were born, except the first two:

- 1 John b. 28 Feb. 1641 m. Experience Thayer
- 2 Thomas b. 10 Jul. 1643 d. 29 Oct. 1656
- 3 Dependance b. 7 Mch. 1648-9 m. Mary Marsh
- 4 Temperance b. 30 Mch. 1651 m. John Bowditch
- 5 WILLIAM (2) b. 31 Mch. 1653 m. Rachel Twelves
- 6 Elizabeth b. 29 Sep. 1656 m. [ ] Wheelock
- 7 Thomas b. 10 Mch. 1657-8 m. Elizabeth [ ]
- 8 Samuel b. 22 Apr. 1659-60 m. Hannah Marsh

The mother d. 28 Feb. 1680, aged 59 years.

The father m. 2nd, the widow Eleanor Venzie, 1683

He d. 6 Aug. 1692, "aet. about 80 yrs."

His widow, Eleanor, d. 23 Apr. 1711, aet. 85

In 1645 John French was one of twenty members of the church at Braintree who petitioned for permission to go and settle in Rhode Island, in the place whither Samuel Gorton, "religious fanatic," had been banished. Their petition was denied.

(Mass. Rec. II., Hist. Coll., vol. 6, p. 414)

Charles Newton French, in his work, "*Aaron French and His Descendants*," in referring to other families bearing the name French, says of John of Braintree that he "was probably born in Scotland; the coat of arms in possession of the family at an early date is, with a change in the tinctures, that of the Frenches of Thorndikes and Frenchland, of County Berwick, Scotland."

A. D. W. French was the author of an excellent work entitled "*Notes on the Surnames of Francis, Francis, French, etc., in Scotland*."





Note: The first wife of Dependance French, Mary Mursh, died before 1688, and Dependance married as his second wife Rebecca Fenno. They became foster parents of their orphaned nephew, William Jr. (3)

An undated memorandum, copied by Dr. Ebenezer Alden, and published in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, volume 12, page 353.

"To the honrd Wm Stoughton Esqr Judge of the probate of Wills & Testaments and granting Administrators, etc. The humble request of John French and Dependance French Administrators to the estate of John French late of Braintree, decd. their father.

Humbly sheweth praying that your honor will please to appoint Christopher Webb, John Baxter, Senr., Joseph Peniman, Senr., Samuel Peniman, and Nathaniell Wales or any three of them to divide sd estate & sett out to each person concerned their part & proportion that so the estate may be preserved which otherwise will be ruinde & come to nothing, husing & fences decaying & running out of repayre which if every one knew their part would be prevented. The persons concerned in sd estate are John French the eldest son, Dependance French, Samuell French, William French the orphan of Wm French decd., Two daughters, viz., Temperance Bowditch, wife of John Bowditch, Elizabeth Wheelock of Mendon, children of Mary Lamb, decd., are Mary Poole, Aliis Thayer by her first husband Poole, and John Lamb, Samuel Lamb, Margaret Lamb, Mary Lamb, Grace Lamb, Hannah Lamb, which if yr honr shall please to grant, etc."

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WILLIAM<sup>2</sup> & John<sup>1</sup> French & Graco ( )  
b 31 Mch 1653 at Braintree, Mass. (John<sup>1</sup>)

m 25 Sep 1689 at Braintree, Rachel Twelves. She was b 3 Oct 1662, dau. Lieut. Robert Twelves and Murtha ( ) of Braintree. Only child:

i. William<sup>3</sup> b 1690, Br'tree, m Sarah Sawin Rachel (Twelves) French d 14 Feb 1691, and William<sup>3</sup> French d a week later, 22 Feb 1691, the lone orphaned infant son being reared by an uncle and aunt, Dependance<sup>2</sup> French and a second wife, Rebecca (Fenno). He was represented in a petition for the appointment of administrators for the estate of his grandfather, John<sup>1</sup> French. (see p. 8)

WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> & William<sup>2</sup> French & Rachel (Twelves) b 1690 at Braintree, Mass (William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

m 11 Mch 1713 at Boston, Sarah Sawin, b 1684, dau Munning Sawin and Sarah (Stone) Children:

i. William<sup>4</sup> b 13 Feb 1714, Br'tree, m Lydia Cobb  
ii. David<sup>4</sup> b 28 Sep 1719, m Abigail Owen, 1751  
iii. Sarah<sup>4</sup> b 28 Jan 1722 m Jedediah Jordan, 1744

In 1738 William<sup>3</sup> French and William<sup>4</sup> French are signers of a petition for the setting off of the North Parish in Bridgewater, Mass. In 1744 both these and David<sup>4</sup> French appear on North Bridgewater tax-rolls. (Kingman, Hist. N. B., 17, 212)

WILLIAM<sup>4</sup> & William<sup>3</sup> French & Sarah (Sawin)

b 13 Feb 1714, Br'tree. (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

m 28 Jun 1739, Taunton, Mass., Lydia Cobb. She was probably dau Samuel Cobb and Lydia ( ) We have only approximate birth-dates and only 3 names of children of William<sup>4</sup> French, due to the destruction of Taunton records by fire in 1838.

i. William<sup>5</sup> b 1740, m Lydia Keyser, 1767  
ii. James<sup>5</sup> b (1745?) m Rebecca ( )  
iii. Ephraim (1750?) m Elizabeth Presbry

Daniel Manley in 1748 deeds tract in Easton to William<sup>4</sup> French, of Bridgewater, & J. Jordan.

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Lydia French, probably a dau of William<sup>1</sup> French, m Ebenezer Stephens, Jr., 30 Jun 1768 in Taunton. James Burt of Taunton, in his will, 5 Jul 1733, gives "to cusen William French, 1 cow," and deede were exchanged in Nov 1770, between Wm. Burt, son of James, and William<sup>1</sup> French, concerning the dwelling built by French on Burt's land, "in Taunton near ye Ware so called, near ye round hill on ye East side of Taunton Great River near ye Brick Landing." French is to occupy "during his natural life and ye natural life of his wife Lydia."

WILLIAM<sup>3</sup> s William<sup>1</sup> French & Lydia (Cobb) (William<sup>1</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

b about 1740, in Taunton or North Bridgewater.

m 13 Jan 1767, at E. Bridgewater, Lydia Keyzer. She was b 23 Jul 1749, dau Seth Keyzer and Lydia (Hayward) of Easton, Mass. Children: (known)

- i. William<sup>4</sup> b 20 Jun 1768, m Rachel Hewit 1788
- ii. Lydia<sup>4</sup> b m Asahel Hackett in Raynham
- iii. Jonathan bap 19 Feb 1784 in Raynham, Mass.

William<sup>3</sup> French of Raynham, Mass., was one of the patriotic militia-men of the Revolution, his service record is printed on p. 97 of Volume VI of "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War." He rendered service as a member of successive Raynham militia companies of Colonel George Williams' (3rd Bristol Co.) Regiment, on four separate occasions between 1776 and 1780, but the total of days of service was not sufficient to place him on the pension roll.

An entry found among papers of Rev. Peres Fobes, of Raynham: "Baptized, Feb 19th, 1784, Jonathan ye son of William and Lydia French."

In the First Census of the United States, 1790, William French of Raynham is recorded as having in his household at that time 2 males under 16 yrs and 3 females, ages not specified.

William French of Raynham married (2nd) in Taunton, 17 Nov 1791, Nehitable Robinson of T.

WILLIAM<sup>6</sup> s William<sup>3</sup> French & Lydia (Keyzer) (William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 20 Jun 1768 at Taunton, Mass.

m 18 Jul 1788, Rachel Hewit, in Raynham, Mass. She was b 27 Mch 1769, dau. of Rufus Hewit and Rachel (Wilbore) of Raynham, Mass. Children:

- i. Sally<sup>7</sup> b 8 Nov 1789 m Lyman Slade
- ii. Rachel<sup>7</sup> b 31 Aug 1791 m Erastus Eggleston
- iii. Hannah<sup>7</sup> b 6 Jul 1793 m Asahel Tiffany
- iv. Clarissa<sup>7</sup> b 27 Mch 1795 m Joel Slade
- v. Harvey<sup>7</sup> bap 14 Jul 1799 d in infancy
- vi. William<sup>7</sup> b 27 Feb 1797 m Vashiti Parsons
- vii. Rufus Hewit<sup>7</sup> b 20 Mch 1799 m Clarissa Tiffany
- viii. Julia<sup>7</sup> b 29 Nov 1800 m John Wiard
- ix. Lydia<sup>7</sup> b 25 May 1803 m Anson Tiffany
- x. Lent<sup>7</sup> b 17 Feb 1805 d two days after birth
- xi. Harriet<sup>7</sup> b 25 Mch 1806 m Samuel Banning
- xii. a daughter<sup>7</sup> b 7 Feb 1810 d at birth
- xiii. Lucia<sup>7</sup> b 24 Jun 1811 m Elijah C. Cannon

The house at the Brick Landing near the Weir in Taunton, Mass., mentioned on p. 10, was probably the birthplace of William<sup>6</sup> French. Before 1776, however, the family of William<sup>3</sup> French had removed to the adjoining town of Raynham, Mass. as shown by the records of his Revolutionary service, while various entries in Raynham records evidence the residence of the family between 1775-90.

It was in Raynham that William<sup>6</sup> French was married, by Josiah Dean, Esq. The story of this marriage and the removal to Connecticut, as preserved in family tradition follows: He had yet a year of his seven to serve, as apprentice to a wheelwright, when he lost his heart to the lovely Rachel Hewit. So at the age of twenty he took advantage of a law which released an apprentice in the event of marriage, and set up for himself. We have good evidence, however, that he had thoroughly mastered his trade. Franklin E. Wright, of Waterbury, Ct., owns an excellent spinning-wheel made by him.





The emigration to Connecticut, about 1790, was made in company with Joshua and Abraham Hewit, brothers of the youthful Mrs. French, and the route of their ox-teams was along the old "Bay Path." Our progenitor established his home in West Hartland, Conn., on property then owned by Samuel Beach, and earlier the home of Simon Baxter, the second of the earliest settlers of Hartland. Charles Beach, son of Samuel, transferred this property to William<sup>6</sup> French on Dec. 15, 1803, but he had occupied for at least ten years previously. Here he lived for fifty years, a useful and respected citizen of the town, and here his family was reared.

Judge Myron L. Slade wrote, in his memoirs: "William French, my grandfather on my mother's side, combined in himself the farmer and the mechanic. He was a wheelwright, and confined himself mostly, during the winters, to the making of spinning-wheels, reels, looms, warping bars, quill-wheels, swifts, etc." (the work-shop which he erected for this purpose can be seen in the picture of the homestead, facing p. 13, a small, chimneyed structure appearing in front and to the left of the house.) He wrote further: "The French family was of the sturdy old New England type, moral, religious, healthy, industrious and happy."

William<sup>6</sup> French and wife Rachel joined the Congregational church in West Hartland in 1799, and seven of their children were baptized. Soon after, however, the family cast in its lot with the newly organized Hartland Methodist society of the old Granville Circuit. William<sup>6</sup> French became a class-leader in the church to which most of his descendants have adhered, seven entering its ministry. In politics he was a staunch Jeffersonian Democrat.

Not a trace of the old homestead is to be seen today, save the barn-foundation. The house was torn down in 1846, and its material used in constructing the homestead of Rufus<sup>7</sup> French. (p. 23) The site is on the north side of the Hartland-Riverton road, just below the summer residence of Prof. D. S. Fanslear, (formerly "Parsons' place.") Wm<sup>6</sup> French d 8 Nov 1847, Pleasant Valley, Ct.





# The Hartland, Conn. Frenches in Ohio.

It will be observed that William<sup>6</sup> French, of Raynham, Mass., and Hartland, Conn., had but two sons, William<sup>7</sup>, and Rufus<sup>7</sup>, who became heads of families. We shall first trace the descendants of William<sup>7</sup>, who was the progenitor of the Ohio branch of our family.

Henceforth each male descendant of William<sup>6</sup>, who becomes the head of a family bearing the name of French, will be assigned a serial number, appearing to the left of the Christian name, for reference purposes. Thus: 1. William<sup>7</sup>; 2. Rufus<sup>7</sup>; etc., the little superior figure to the right indicating the generations, commencing with John<sup>1</sup> of Braintree.

1. WILLIAM<sup>7</sup> & William<sup>6</sup> French & Rachel (Hewitt) (William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

b 27 Feb 1797 at West Hartland, Conn., m date unknown, Vashli Parsons, Hartland, Conn. About 1822 he removed his family and goods west to the vicinity of Canandaigua, N. Y., and shortly after that he pressed on further westward to Bath township, Summit Co., Ohio.

3. i. William Augustus<sup>8</sup> b 20 Jan 1821, in Hartland, m Amanda Thorp, of Bath, Ohio.

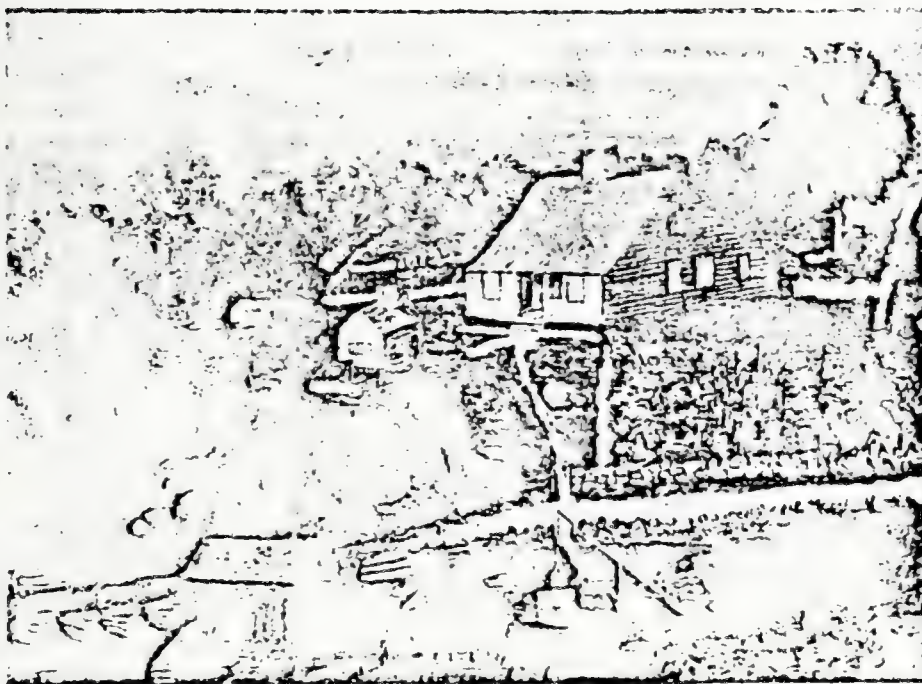
ii. Rufus<sup>8</sup> b 19 Sep 1825 m Nancy Johnson n. i.

4. iii. Henry<sup>8</sup> b 1827 m Juliette Hale

5. iv. Richmond<sup>8</sup> b 13 Apr 1828 m Eunice E. Bissel The mother d 31 Oct 1869, the father d 4 Mch 1882 in Granger O.; is buried in Shaw Cem, Bath, O.

William<sup>7</sup> French, in Ohio, farmed extensively, taught school and worked at the wheel-wright's trade, learned in his father's shop in Hartland. He spent the last ten years of his life at the home of Wm. Augustus<sup>8</sup>, in Granger tp., Medina Co., O.

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The old family home-  
stead of William French  
of West Hartland, Ct.,  
purchased by him from  
Charles Beach in 1791.  
The house, of squared  
logs, on massive founda-  
tion stones, quarried  
from the native granite,  
was built in 1768 by Si-  
mon Baxter, the first to  
settle on West Hartland  
mountain. Affectionate-  
ly dubbed "Hartland  
Castle," it was the home  
of the French family for  
55 years. In 1846 it was  
torn down, some of the  
timbers and foundation  
being used in the Rufus  
French house further up  
the road.

The illustration is from  
the original oil painting  
15 by 20 ins., owned by  
the estate of the late  
Judge Lucius M. Slade,  
whose mother was Cla-  
rissa French, daughter  
of William French.





3. WILLIAM AUGUSTUS<sup>8</sup> & William<sup>7</sup> French & Vashiti (Parsons) - (William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>10</sup>, William<sup>11</sup>, William<sup>12</sup>, John<sup>13</sup>)  
 b 20 Jan 1821 at West Hartland, Conn., Ohio, she was b 10 Jun 1827. Their children:

- i. Vashiti<sup>9</sup> b abt. 1844, Bath, O. m John Phillips
- ii. Thaddeus<sup>9</sup> b 1846 d 26 Jan 1850 aged 4 yrs.
- iii. William A<sup>9</sup> b Apr 1850 d 19 Aug 1851, 16 m.
6. iv. Rufus Alfonso<sup>9</sup> b 23 Aug 1852, in Bath, O.; m Nellie Cowdrey
- v. Abbie Harriet<sup>9</sup> b 13 Oct 1854, Galvia, Knox County, Illinois. m 1872, John S. Albro.
7. vi. Grenville Madison<sup>9</sup> b 27 Feb 1858, in Galvia m 27 Jun 1880, Georgianna J. Mullinger.
- vii. William Arthur<sup>9</sup> b 23 Aug 1862, in Galvia m 15 Jul 1920, Jennie Crawford.

William Augustus<sup>8</sup> French, until about 1853, engaged in farming in Bath, Summit County, O., near his father's farm. In 1853 he removed to the town of Galvia, Knox County, Illinois. Here he remained thirteen years, until the fall of 1866, when he returned with his family to Ohio, and settled in Granger township, Medina County. His wife died 10 Mch 1867, and is buried in the Beech Cemetery, Hinckley township, Medina Co., Ohio. He died 4 Aug 1906, at the home of his son, Rev. Rufus A<sup>9</sup> French, in Eskridge, Kansas, and was buried there.

Brig. William A<sup>9</sup> French, son of William Augustus<sup>8</sup> French, early experienced the saving power of the blood of Christ, and entered the ranks of the Salvation Army, and was for 36 years an officer of that organization, until his retirement in 1927, with the rank of Brigadier. At that time he was second in command, in charge of the Eastern Department of Men's Social Service work. On July 15, 1920, he married Miss Jennie Crawford. His address is 4569 Tireman Ave., Detroit, Michigan; winter address, San Bernardino, Cal., P.O. Box 388

6. RUFUS A<sup>9</sup> & Wm. Augustus<sup>8</sup> & Amanda (Thorpe) (William Augustus<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>10</sup>, William<sup>11</sup>, John<sup>12</sup>)  
 b 23 Aug 1852 at Bath, O.

- m 4 Jan 1882, Rebecca E. Cowdrey, b 9 May 1854, in Armagh, Ireland. She was called "Nellie."
8. i. George Barker<sup>10</sup> b 20 Jan 1886, Lawrence, Kas.
9. ii. William R<sup>10</sup> b 9 Nov 1887, at Lawrence, Kas.
- iii. Frances<sup>10</sup> b 11 Nov 1889, at Lawrence, Kas.
- iv. Hamilton Robb<sup>10</sup> b 26 Dec 1891, Denver Col. m 19 Jan 1919, Geraldine S. Trusler, born at Eskridge, Kansas, 21 Dec 1892. No issue.

Rufus Alfonso<sup>9</sup> French, on coming of age, in 1873, commenced the study of law, under Judge George Barker of Lawrence, Kansas, where later he was admitted to the bar. In 1885 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Douglas County and served three terms. He then removed to Denver, Colorado, where he practised law for some time.

Of a deeply religious nature, however, he eventually yielded to the leading of the Spirit, and consecrated his time and talents to the Christian ministry, in the Wesleyan Methodist church. For over thirty years he has rendered faithful and effective service in the Master's vineyard. His three sons also are ministers of the Wesleyan church, while his only daughter is a singing evangelist.

His address in 1928 is 127 N. E. 53rd St., Portland, Oregon.

8. George B<sup>10</sup> & Rufus A<sup>9</sup> & Rebecca E. (Cowdrey) (Rufus Alfonso<sup>9</sup>, William Augustus<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>9</sup>, William<sup>10</sup>, John<sup>11</sup>)

- b 20 Jan 1886 at Lawrence, Kansas.
- m 2 Mch 1914, Florence M. Beatty, b 3 Oct 1887, in Durango, Colo. Married at Buckley, Wash.
- i. Gerald E<sup>11</sup> b 23 Oct 1916, at Cheno, Cal.

George Barker<sup>10</sup> French is a Wesleyan minister. Address, 1928, Pasadena, Cal.





9. William R<sup>10</sup> & Rufus A<sup>9</sup> & Rebecca (Cowdrey) (Rufus Alfonso<sup>8</sup>, William Augustus<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
 b 9 Nov 1887, at Lawrence, Kansas.  
 m 22 May 1925, Anne K. Cathy, Birmingham, Ala.
- i. Catherine E<sup>11</sup> b 11 May 1926 at Portland, Ore.  
 ii. Helen Frances<sup>11</sup> b 14 Sep 1927, " "  
 An evangelist of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. Address, 1928, Birmingham, Ala.
7. GRENVILLE M<sup>9</sup> & Wm. Augustus<sup>8</sup> & Amanda (Thorp) - (William Augustus<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
 b 27 Feb 1868 at Galvia, Knox County, Illinois.  
 m 27 Jun 1880, Georgianna J. Millinger at Cleveland, O. She was b 9 Aug 1863 at Brunswick, O.
- i. Lottie May<sup>10</sup> b 7 May 1882 at Boston, Ohio.  
 She m Irving Elmer Millinger, 24 Oct 1901 in Medina, O. Issue, Grenville Elmer Millinger, b 12 Jan 1903, m Hazel Sibley; and Leighton E. French Millinger, b 7 Jan 1907.
- ii. Millie Maud<sup>10</sup> b 23 Dec 1883 at Boston, O.  
 She m Gaylord E. Miller, 11 Feb 1903, at Brunswick, O. Issue, I. Frances Georgianna Miller, b 18 Jul 1905, m 18 Sep 1926, Paul Bentle; 2. William L. Miller, b 7 Jun 1909.
- iii. Lila Bell<sup>10</sup> b 21 Aug 1885 at Boston, Ohio.  
 She m George D. Van, 11 Feb 1903. One son, Rex Lee Van, b 23 Mch 1904.
10. iv. Carl Grenville<sup>10</sup> b 29 Dec 1888, Union, Kas  
 m Rose R. Hefner, of Akron, O.
11. v. Earl Gilford<sup>10</sup> b 17 Mch 1894, Union, Kas.  
 m 15 Oct 1919, Celia Janet Davis of Akron
12. vi. Ernest Eugene<sup>10</sup> b 23 Oct 1897, Brunswick  
 m 14 Jun 1924, Muriel Blanche Seba
13. vii. Perry Legrand<sup>10</sup> b 9 Jul 1903, Brunswick O.  
 m 30 Sep 1925, Helen C. Griesheimer.  
 Address, 1928, Brunswick, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 2.







10 CARL G<sup>10</sup> & Grenville<sup>9</sup> & Georgianna (Millinger)  
(Grenville M<sup>9</sup>, William Augustus<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>  
William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 29 Dec 1888, at Union, Kansas.

*m* Rose R. Hefner, of Akron, Ohio.  
She was b 6 Feb 1900, in Akron. Children:

- i. Douglas Grenville<sup>11</sup> b 8 May 1919 in Lafayette O
- ii. Harold Junior<sup>11</sup> b 7 May 1920 in Copley, O.
- iii. Esther Delaura<sup>11</sup> b 25 Mch 1922 in Bagdad, O.
- iv. Orval Madison<sup>11</sup> b 25 Dec 1924 in Medina, O.
- v. Doris Rosene<sup>11</sup> b 24 Jan 1926 in Brunswick, O.
- vi. Faith Georgian<sup>11</sup> b 12 Jan 1928 in Medina, O.  
Address, 1928, Medina, Ohio.

11 EARL G<sup>10</sup> & Grenville<sup>9</sup> & Georgianna (Millinger)  
(Grenville M<sup>9</sup>, William Augustus<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>  
William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 17 Mch 1894, at Union, Kansas.

*m* 15 Oct 1919, Celia Janet Davis, in Granger, O.  
She was b 2 Feb 1897, in Akron, Ohio. Children:  
i. Elfreda Lois<sup>11</sup> b 28 Apr 1921, in Ghent, Ohio.  
ii. William Maynard<sup>11</sup> b 1 Jan 1928, in Granger, O.

Earl Gilford<sup>10</sup> French has the distinction, in-  
sofar as the writer can ascertain, of being the only  
member of the Hartland French family who served  
our country as a soldier overseas in the late war.

He is now engaged in farming in the township  
of Granger, Medina County, Ohio, where his great-  
grandfather French, coming from West Hartland,  
Connecticut, first settled.

Address, 1928, Medina, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 2.

12 ERNEST<sup>10</sup> & Grenville<sup>9</sup> & Georgianna (Millinger) •  
(Grenville M<sup>9</sup>, William Augustus<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>  
William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

b 23 Oct 1897 at Brunswick, Ohio.

*m* 14 Jun 1924, Muriel Blanche Sebe, in Cleveland.  
She was b 10 Aug 1898, in St. Petersburg, Penn.

- i. Ernest Leroy b 14 Aug 1925, in Cleveland.





13. PERRY<sup>10</sup> s Grenville<sup>9</sup> & Georgianna (Millinger)  
(Grenville M<sup>9</sup>, William Augustus<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>,  
William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 9 Jul 1903, at Brunswick, Ohio.

m 30 Sep 1925, Helen C. Griesheimer. She was b.  
9 Oct 1906, at Liverpool, Medina Co., Ohio.

i. Leon Perry<sup>11</sup> b 20 Aug 1926, at Brunswick.  
Address, 1928, Brunswick, Ohio, R. F. D. No. 2.

4. HENRY<sup>8</sup> s William<sup>7</sup> and Vashti (Parsons)  
(William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 1827, probably at Bath, Ohio.

m Juliette Hale, of Bath, Ohio.  
14 i. Arthur H<sup>9</sup> b 23 Sep 1859, at Bath.  
m 6 Nov 1881, Amelia McNamara.

15 ii. Elsamur S<sup>9</sup> (unfortunately, this family failed  
to furnish the compiler with records)  
iii. Edith<sup>9</sup>

Henry<sup>8</sup> French was a carpenter and wagon-  
maker, living at Bennett's Corners, Medina Co.,  
Ohio, till about 1878, when he removed to Alma,  
Nebraska. He died in 1909 at the home of his son  
Arthur, then living at Trenton, Neb.

14. ARTHUR H<sup>9</sup> s Henry<sup>8</sup> and Juliette (Hale)  
(Henry<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>,  
William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 23 Sep 1859, at Bath, Summit Co., Ohio.

m 6 Nov 1881, Amelia McNamara. She was born  
8 Apr 1859, in Munroe County, Indiana.

16 i. Rufus E<sup>10</sup> b 13 Aug 1882, Harlan Co., Nebr.  
m 27 Apr 1915, Cora Judge.

ii. Lola O<sup>10</sup> b 21 Dec 1888; d 16 Jul 1915.

17 iii. Carl E<sup>10</sup> b 31 Jan 1891, Hitchcock Co., Neb.  
m 20 Jun 1917, Minnie B. Morehead.

iv. Lena R<sup>10</sup> b 30 Sep 1893, Hitchcock Co. Neb.  
m 23 Sep 1913, Charles C. Roberts, b 2 Nov

1890 at Lisbon, Noble County, Indiana. Issue:  
i. Cletus W. Roberts, b 22 Jun 1916; 2. Eileen A.  
Roberts, b 4 Oct 1920. Address, 1928, Fontana,  
Cal. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur H French same address.

16. RUFUS E<sup>10</sup> s Arthur H<sup>9</sup> & Amelia (McNamara)  
(Arthur H<sup>9</sup>, Henry<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>,  
William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 13 Aug 1882, in Harlan Co., Neb.

m 27 Apr 1915, Cora Judge. She was born 1 Jan  
1893, at Manson, Iowa. Issue:

i. Evelyn M<sup>11</sup> b 2 Feb 1916, Cheyenne Co., Wyo.  
Address, 1928, Sandpoint, Idaho.

17. CARL E<sup>10</sup> s Arthur H<sup>9</sup> & Amelia (McNamara)  
(Arthur H<sup>9</sup>, Henry<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>,  
William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 31 Jan 1891 in Hitchcock County, Nebraska.

m 20 Jun 1917 Minnie B. Morehead. She was born  
19 May 1891 in Bendina, Doniphan Co., Kansas.  
No issue. Address, 1928, McCook, Nebraska.

5. RICHMOND<sup>8</sup> s William<sup>7</sup> and Vashti (Parsons)  
(William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>,  
William<sup>1</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 13 Apr 1828, probably at Bath, Ohio.

m Eunice E. Bissell. She was b 5 Feb 1833. Chn:  
18 i. William L<sup>9</sup> b 26 Feb 1853, in Medina Co., O.  
19 ii. Richmond Elroy<sup>9</sup> b 3 Oct 1858,

Richmond<sup>8</sup> French was a farmer, and lived and  
died, 16 Feb 1880, on a farm on the Hinckley side  
of the line between Granger and Hinckley towns.  
His widow died 13 Nov 1915.

18. WILLIAM L<sup>9</sup> s Richmond<sup>8</sup> & Eunice (Bissell)  
(Richmond<sup>8</sup>, William<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>,  
William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 26 Feb 1853 in Medina County, Ohio.

m (1st) in Jun 1880, Ella M. Dewins d 14 Jun 1884





- i. Ethel Evelyn<sup>10</sup> b 1 Mch 1884. She married, 24 Jul 1907, Cecil E. Ames. Issue: 1. *William Cecil Ames*, b 8 Jul 1908; 2. *Sarah Frances Ames*, b 28 May 1911; 3. *Robert French Ames*, b 29 May 1916.

*William L<sup>9</sup> French* m (2) *Flora Adams*, 1 May 1889

- ii. *Lois Adams*<sup>10</sup> b 19 Jul 1890, m *Ivan Siegrist*.  
20 iii. *Philip Adams*<sup>10</sup> b 22 Oct 1899, m *M. Henson*  
*William L<sup>9</sup> French* died 12 Jan 1925.

20. PHILIP A<sup>10</sup> s *William L<sup>9</sup> & Flora M. (Adams)*  
(*William L<sup>9</sup> Richmond*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *William*<sup>4</sup>, *William*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>)  
b 22 Oct 1899. m 3 Jan 1925, *Martha E. Henson*.  
i. *William Henson*<sup>11</sup> b 13 Jun 1926.

19. R. ELROY<sup>9</sup> s *Richmond*<sup>8</sup> & *Eunice (Bissell)*  
(*Richmond*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *William*<sup>4</sup>, *William*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>)  
b 3 Oct 1858, in Medina County, Ohio.

m 27 Oct 1881, *Mary Delight Perkins*, Weymouth, Medina Co., Ohio. She was born 18 May 1861.

- 21 i. *Richmond Smith*<sup>10</sup> b 1 Aug 1880, *Hinckley O*  
m 4 May 1916, *Bessie May Tanner*.

- ii. *Adeline Elnora*<sup>10</sup> b 8 May 1884. She married 16 Aug 1909, *Paul Nicholas VanEpp*, of Medina, O. Issue: 1. a son, died when 3 days old; 2. *Howard Arthur VanEpp*, b 1 Oct 1912 at Medina, O., drowned 28 Jun 1921.

- iii. *Ruth Orilla*<sup>10</sup> b 4 Aug 1889; m 8 Mch 1923, *Charles E. Fisher*, living Scotia, N. Y. n. i.  
22 iv. *Arthur Perkins*<sup>10</sup> b 20 Jun 1895, Weymouth m 6 Jul 1921, *Edith M. Dickson*.

*Richmond Elroy*<sup>9</sup> French is living, in 1928, in Kansas City, Kansas.

21. RICHMOND S<sup>10</sup> s *R. Elroy*<sup>9</sup> & *Mary (Perkins)*  
(*R. Elroy*<sup>9</sup>, *Richmond*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *William*<sup>4</sup>, *William*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>)  
b 1 Aug 1880, in Hinckley, Ohio.

m 4 May 1916, *Bessie May Tanner*

- i. *Irma Clara*<sup>11</sup> b 23 Dec 1918  
ii. *Barbara Jean*<sup>11</sup> b 15 May 1920  
iii. *Helen Beryl*<sup>11</sup> b 18 Aug 1921  
The father d 9 Feb 1923, in Michigan.

22. ARTHUR P<sup>10</sup> s *R. Elroy*<sup>9</sup> & *Mary (Perkins)*  
(*R. Elroy*<sup>9</sup>, *Richmond*<sup>8</sup>, *William*<sup>7</sup>, *William*<sup>6</sup>, *William*<sup>5</sup>, *William*<sup>4</sup>, *William*<sup>3</sup>, *William*<sup>2</sup>, *John*<sup>1</sup>)  
b 20 Jun 1895, in Weymouth, Ohio.  
m 6 Jul 1921, *Edith M. Dickson*.

- i. *Marjory*<sup>11</sup> b 20 Dec 1923

- ii. *May Alice*<sup>11</sup> b 8 Dec 1926

*Arthur Perkins*<sup>10</sup> French is an instructor at Massachusetts State Agricultural College. His address, in 1928, is Amherst, Mass.

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At this point the lineage is brought up to date as of 1928, so far as it has been possible to obtain data, for that branch of the Hartland, Ct., French family which removed west about 1822. We are indebted to the family of *Grenville M.<sup>9</sup> French*, of Brunswick, Ohio, for forwarding much material. It is to be regretted that the information concerning individuals is not more inclusive. The fault is seemingly due to a modest reticence, which, however commendable from other viewpoints, is nevertheless the bane of the genealogist.





The Hartland French Family in Connecticut.

2 RUFUS H<sup>i</sup> & William<sup>e</sup> & Rachel (Hewit)  
(William<sup>e</sup>, William<sup>s</sup>, William<sup>s</sup>, William<sup>s</sup>, William<sup>s</sup>,  
John<sup>1</sup>)

b 20 Mch 1799 at West Hartland, Conn.

m 29 Feb 1820, Clarissa Tiffany, in W. Hartland.  
She was b 11 Feb 1799, in West Hartland, dau. of  
Consider Tiffany and Amilia (Rexford). Children:

23 i. Watson Emerson<sup>s</sup> b 7 Dec 1821, W Hartland  
m 1st, Mary L. Wilder; 2nd, Susan Wilder

ii. Rachel E<sup>s</sup> b 1 Dec 1823, at West Hartland.  
m 18 Apr 1841, Henry Wright, in Hartland.

Issue: 1. Lorien F. Wright, b 6 Nov 1842, m  
1st, 26 Mch 1865, Lucina Munson; 2nd, 4

Aug 1899, Jennie M. Crane. d 16 Dec 1921.  
2. Elson E. Wright, b 26 Mch 1848, m 18 Oct

1877, Julia Wylie. d 8 Apr 1917; no issue.  
3. Ervis E. Wright, b 19 Jan 1851, m 26 Nov

1885, Ella Frances Reed. d 1921  
4. Embert E. Wright, b 15 Nov 1853. d unm.

5. Eva E. Wright, b 26 Jan 1856, m 9 May  
1887, J. Irwin Byam. She is living with her

cousin, Mrs. W. E. Brown, Waterbury, Ct.  
Rachel E. (French) Wright d 29 Sep 1886.

iii. Sally A<sup>s</sup> b 18 Sep 1830, at West Hartland.  
m 9 May 1863, Eugene Gigon. Issue:

1. Louise Gigon, b 16 Sep 1864, m 29 Sep 1886  
William E. Brown.

24 iv. Correll Tiffany<sup>s</sup> b 5 Oct 1832, in Hartland,  
m Sarah Jane Tyrrell

25 v. Orton B<sup>s</sup> b 23 Oct 1837, in West Hartland,  
m Jennie Osborn

Rufus Hewit<sup>i</sup> French, the younger of the two  
sons of William<sup>e</sup> who lived to grow to manhood,  
was reared, with his eight sisters and one brother,  
(two brothers and a sister having died in infancy)  
in the old homestead on the west Hartland moun-  
tain (see picture opposite page thirteen) affection-  
ately referred to by the family as Hartland Castle.

This name was suggested by the lofty elevation  
of the old house, upon a rocky knoll.

Rufus attended school in the ancient stone  
structure called the Mill District school, about two  
miles distant. He was taught the wheel-wright's  
trade by his father, whom he helped in his shop  
and on the farm. When he married Clarissa,  
daughter of Consider Tiffany, Feb. 29, 1820, his  
father's wedding gift was a parcel of land, adjoin-  
ing the homestead. Here he built his first house,  
about ten rods north-east of "Hartland Castle,"  
(the site is now occupied by the summer residence  
of Prof. D. S. Fanslear) and here his five children  
were born. He acquired in time about 100 acres of  
the adjoining land, all virgin timber, which he  
cleared, bringing the land under cultivation. He  
was an honest and industrious husbandman, and  
generous and accomodating to a fault. He was  
never shrewd enough for his own good in business  
transactions. In consequence, he was forced into  
bankruptcy in the summer of 1841, and lost prac-  
tically all of his property, the major portion of it  
being acquired by two of his wife's brothers, Eli  
and Daniel Tiffany, trustees in the proceedings.

On October 29th, 1841, he set out upon a jour-  
ney to Ohio, with the hope of there establishing a  
home for the family, who remained in Hartland,  
awaiting developments. The advancing age of his  
parents, however, checked the plans for migration,  
and in November, 1842, he returned to live in the  
"Hartland Castle" until 1846, when it was torn  
down, after nearly a century of usefulness, and its  
materials used in the construction of Rufus' new  
house, a few hundred yards further up the hill, on  
the opposite side of the road, at the corner of the



road leading south to Denison Crane's. (see the map of Hartland facing this page, photographed from "Smith's Map of Hartford County, Conn., from survey in 1855 by E. M. Woodford.)

Here Rufus' French lived for eighteen years, until, in 1864, (his first wife having passed away March 1, 1862, and his children all established in homes of their own in Hartland) he emigrated to the township of Granger, Medina County, Ohio, where his only brother, William' French, had settled forty years before. Here he spent the next fifteen years of his life in agricultural pursuits, and here he wed the widow Mary (Hitchcock) Huntley, herself a native of West Hartland. His industry and sound Christian character won for him the respect and love of his neighbors. Mrs. Greenville M. French, late of Brunswick, O., in a letter to the compiler, gave her girlhood recollections:

"Uncle Rufus, grandfather's brother, lived a mile south of father French's home, crosslots, and Greenville and I were there a good deal, with father, so I saw him often. I well remember when old Uncle Rufus left Ohio for Connecticut, the winter of 1880-81. We always liked him very much. I congratulate you on having such a fine Christian gentleman as your great-grandfather."

He was always an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church, a class-leader and leader of the choir. Originally a Democrat, he joined the Republican party at its organization in 1856, and remained its staunch supporter till his death.

Bereaved a second time, and nearly 82 years of age, he made the long trip back East alone, to pass his remaining years with his children in Hartland and in Waterbury, where he died at the home of his daughter Rachel, Mrs. Henry Wright, Sep. 24, 1884, aged 85 years. He was buried beside his first wife, Clarissa, in the Pleasant Valley cemetery, in Barkhamsted, Conn., where also is the grave of his father, William' French, close beside the little Methodist Episcopal church.





23 WATSON E. & Rufus H' & Clarissa (Tiffany)  
(Rufus H', William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>,  
William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)

b 7 Dec 1821 at West Hartland, Conn.

m 1st 30 Aug 1843 Mary Louisa Wilder, Hartland.  
She was b 12 May 1823 in Hartland, daughter of  
Calvin Wilder and Phoebe (Wilder). Children:

i. Calvin Wilder<sup>2</sup> b 23 Aug 1844. d 19 Aug 1860

ii. Mary Louisa<sup>2</sup> b 2 Sep 1846, in Hartland.

m 13 Mch 1867, George Ransbotham. Issue:

1. Hattie M. Ransbotham, b 22 Apr 1870, m,

14 Nov. 1894, William Henry Griswold.

Mary L. (French) Ransbotham d 28 Sep 1877

Mary L. (Wilder) French d 26 Nov 1846, Winsted

m 2nd 1 Jan 1850 Susan Wilder, sister of 1st wife.

She was b 20 Aug 1830. Children:

26 iii. Leroy Emerson<sup>2</sup> b 13 Oct 1850, in Hartland

m Mary Jane Kerwood.

27 iv. William Carvosso<sup>2</sup> b 3 Mch 1852, Hartland

m 1, Marilla Richardson; 2, Carrie L. Smith

v. Emerson Watson<sup>2</sup> b 24 Mch 1853; d infancy

28 vi. Delos Dwight<sup>2</sup> b 21 Mch 1854, in Hartland,

m Mary Ellen Richardson

29 vii. Horace Wilder<sup>2</sup> b 30 Aug 1860 in Hartland

m Fannie Ethel Moxley

Watson Emerson<sup>4</sup> French appears to have ac-  
companied his father to the west in 1841, for the  
"Wilder Genealogy" records him as "of Granger,  
Ohio," at the time of his first marriage. After the  
marriage he lived for some years with his wife's  
parents at the old Wilder homestead on Center  
Hill, Hartland, operating his turning-shop nearby.  
In 1852 he came into possession of the property  
on the corner of the main road and Mill street, oc-  
cupied by him till death, 3 Jun 1833, and by his  
son, Leroy, after him. For many years he opera-  
ted here the sawmill built in 1800 by Paul Parsons.  
He was a man of strong Christian character, a  
Methodist class-leader, choir-leader and superin-  
tendent of the Sunday School.

His widow Susan d 13 Nov 1903.





26 LEROY E<sup>9</sup> & Watson E<sup>8</sup> & Susan (Wilder)  
(Watson E<sup>8</sup>, Rufus H<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>,  
William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 13 Oct 1850, at West Hartland, Conn.  
m 3 Sep 1874 Mary Jane Kerwood. She was b 12  
Mch 1859, in New Hartford, Conn., daughter of  
Walter Kerwood and Mary Ann (Price). Child:  
i. Jessie Belle<sup>10</sup> b 22 Aug 1875, Northfield, Ct.  
m 15 Jan 1896, Burton Jay Ford, who was b  
24 Jan 1868, s Jay A. Ford and Turzah Fin-  
nette (Granger). Issue: 1. Ruth Irene Ford,  
b 21 May 1897, m 22 Feb 1924, James J.  
Foster. 2. Beatrice Finette Ford, b 18 Nov  
1899, m 31 July 1922, John Richards.  
3. Marjorie Belle Ford, b 8 Mch 1902.

Leroy Emerson<sup>9</sup> French carried on the farm  
and the saw-mill after his father's death, leading  
a quiet, industrious life as a highly-esteemed citi-  
zen of Hartland. He d 17 May 1920.

27 WILLIAM C<sup>9</sup> & Watson E<sup>8</sup> & Susan (Wilder)  
(Watson E<sup>8</sup>, Rufus H<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>,  
William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 3 Mch 1852, at West Hartland, Conn.  
m 29 Apr 1874, Marilla Richardson, d 10 Jun 1883  
m 2nd, 24 Dec 1885, Carrie Louisa Smith, b 16 Nov  
1859 at Norwalk, Conn., daughter of Edgar Smith  
and Betsey Seeley (Ferry). Children:

i. Susan Betsey<sup>10</sup> b 3 Oct 1886, m Edw. L. Cole  
30 ii. Edgar Watson<sup>10</sup> b 1 Jan 1888, at Hartland.  
m Hattie I. Brazee.  
31 iii. Harold Carvosso<sup>10</sup> b 14 Jul 1889  
m Alice M. Hicks.  
32 iv. Calvin Wilder<sup>10</sup> b 5 May 1891  
m Sara Matthews  
v. Christina Louisa<sup>10</sup> b 14 Feb 1895  
m 20 Apr 1916, Percy L. Norton. Issue: 1.  
Alice Janet Norton, b 26 Apr 1919. 2. William  
Ernest Norton, b 19 Nov 1924. 3. Kenneth  
Lamont Norton, b 14 Jun 1929.

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30 EDGAR W<sup>10</sup> & William C<sup>9</sup> & Carrie L (Smith)  
(William C<sup>9</sup>, Watson E<sup>8</sup>, Rufus H<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>,  
William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 1 Jan 1888 at West Hartland, Conn.

m 6 Mch 1907, Hattie I. Brazee. She was b 17 Sep  
1887, in Sharon, Conn., the daughter of Andrew  
Brazee and Henrietta (Deveaux.) Children:

i. Myrtle<sup>11</sup> b 26 Jul 1908 in Torrington, Conn.  
ii. Virginia<sup>11</sup> b 18 Mch 1916 in Bristol, Conn.  
iii. William Edgar<sup>11</sup> b 5 Mch 1920. d in infancy  
iv. Esther<sup>11</sup> b 18 Sep 1924 in Bristol, Conn.

Edgar Watson<sup>10</sup> French is the manager of an  
Economy grocery in Bristol, Conn. His home is  
on Perkins St., near the corner of Pinehurst Road.

31 HAROLD C<sup>10</sup> & William C<sup>9</sup> & Carrie L (Smith)  
(William C<sup>9</sup>, Watson E<sup>8</sup>, Rufus H<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>,  
William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 14 Jul 1889 at West Hartland, Conn.

m 23 Apr 1913, Alice M. Hicks. Children:

i. Mona Vivian<sup>11</sup> b 1 May 1914 in Bristol, Ct.  
33 ii. Warren Emerson<sup>11</sup> b 24 Jul 1919 in Bristol

Harold Carvosso<sup>10</sup> French is a toolmaker with  
the Bristol Brass Company. His home is on Pine-  
hurst Road, near Perkins St.

32 CALVIN W<sup>10</sup> & William C<sup>9</sup> & Carrie L (Smith)  
(William C<sup>9</sup>, Watson E<sup>8</sup>, Rufus H<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>,  
William<sup>4</sup>, William<sup>3</sup>, William<sup>2</sup>, John<sup>1</sup>)  
b 5 May 1891 at West Hartland, Conn.

m Sara Mathews. She was b 1 May 1894, daugh-  
ter of John Mathews and Nancy (Curtis) Chn:

34 i. Norman<sup>11</sup> b 21 Jun 1918 in Bristol, Conn.  
ii. Mavis<sup>11</sup> b 19 Feb 1926 in Bristol, Conn.

Calvin Wilder<sup>10</sup> French is the manager of an  
Economy grocery in Bristol, Conn. His home is  
on Perkins St.

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William Carvosso<sup>9</sup> French, father of Nos. 30, 31 and 32, was a resident of West Hartland, where he engaged in farming and in the operation of the saw-mill, with his brother Leroy, until about 1920 when he removed to Torrington, Conn., where he died Aug. 24, 1923. He was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. His widow now makes her home in Bristol, Conn.

28 DELOS D<sup>9</sup> & Watson E<sup>8</sup> & Susan (Wilder) (Watson E<sup>8</sup>, Rufus H<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>)  
 b 21 Mch 1854 at West Hartland, Conn.  
 m 23 Apr 1874, Mary Ellen Richardson, She was b 18 Sep 1858, in Barkhamsted, Conn., a daughter of Rollin R. Richardson & Harriet Almira (Smith)  
 35 i. Milton Wellington<sup>10</sup> b 6 Nov 1884, Hartland  
 36 ii. Harold Richardson<sup>10</sup> b 19 May 1890 Holyoke  
 iii. Mildred May<sup>10</sup> b 1 Nov 1896, New Hartford  
 m 15 May 1920, Carl Nelson.  
 Issue:  
 1. Marilla Florence Nelson, b 1 Oct 1921  
 2. Lorren A. Nelson, b 7 Oct 1924

Delos Dwight<sup>9</sup> French operated a farm and a saw and shingle-mill in north Hartland hollow. He was a devout, sincere Christian, of the Advent persuasion, donating land, lumber and labor for the chapel which stands beside his late home. In 1917, he passed from this life in peace and faith.

35 MILTON W<sup>10</sup> & Delos D<sup>9</sup> & Mary E (Richardson) (Delos D<sup>9</sup>, Watson E<sup>8</sup>, Rufus H<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, William<sup>5</sup>, William<sup>4</sup>, John<sup>3</sup>)  
 b 6 Nov 1884, in Hartland, Conn.  
 m 25 Aug 1915, Miss Gertrude Davis. Child:  
 37 i. Wellington<sup>11</sup> b 11 Sep 1916, in Hartland.

Mourned by all who knew him, Milton Wellington<sup>10</sup> French died in Hartland, Dec. 5, 1918, aged 34. His widow and son Wellington are living in Bristol, Conn.

TRADE MARK

GENERATION.....

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Born at..... On.....

Son of..... (father)

And..... (mother)

Married at..... On.....

To.....

Born at..... On.....

Daughter of..... (father)

And..... (mother)

Died.....

Children.....

(1) Name.....

Born at..... On.....

Married at..... On.....

To.....

Died.....

(2) Name.....

Born at..... On.....

Married at..... On.....

To.....

Died.....





(3) Name.....  
Born at..... On.....  
Married at..... On.....  
To.....  
Died.....

(4) Name.....  
Born at..... On.....  
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Born at..... On.....  
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(7) Name.....  
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Son of..... (father)  
And..... (mother)  
Married at..... On.....  
To.....  
Born at..... On.....  
Daughter of..... (father)  
And..... (mother)  
Died.....

Children

(1) Name.....  
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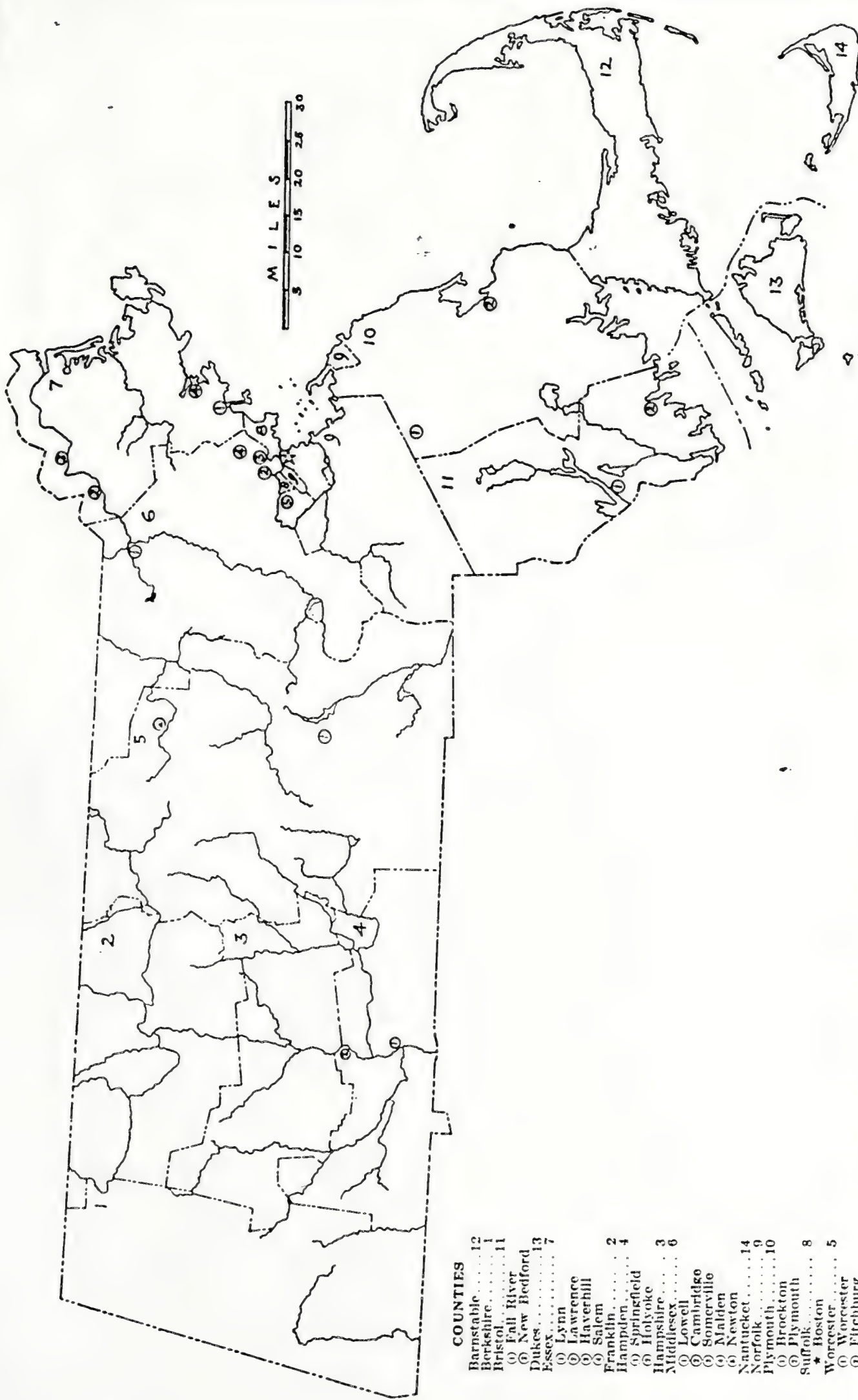




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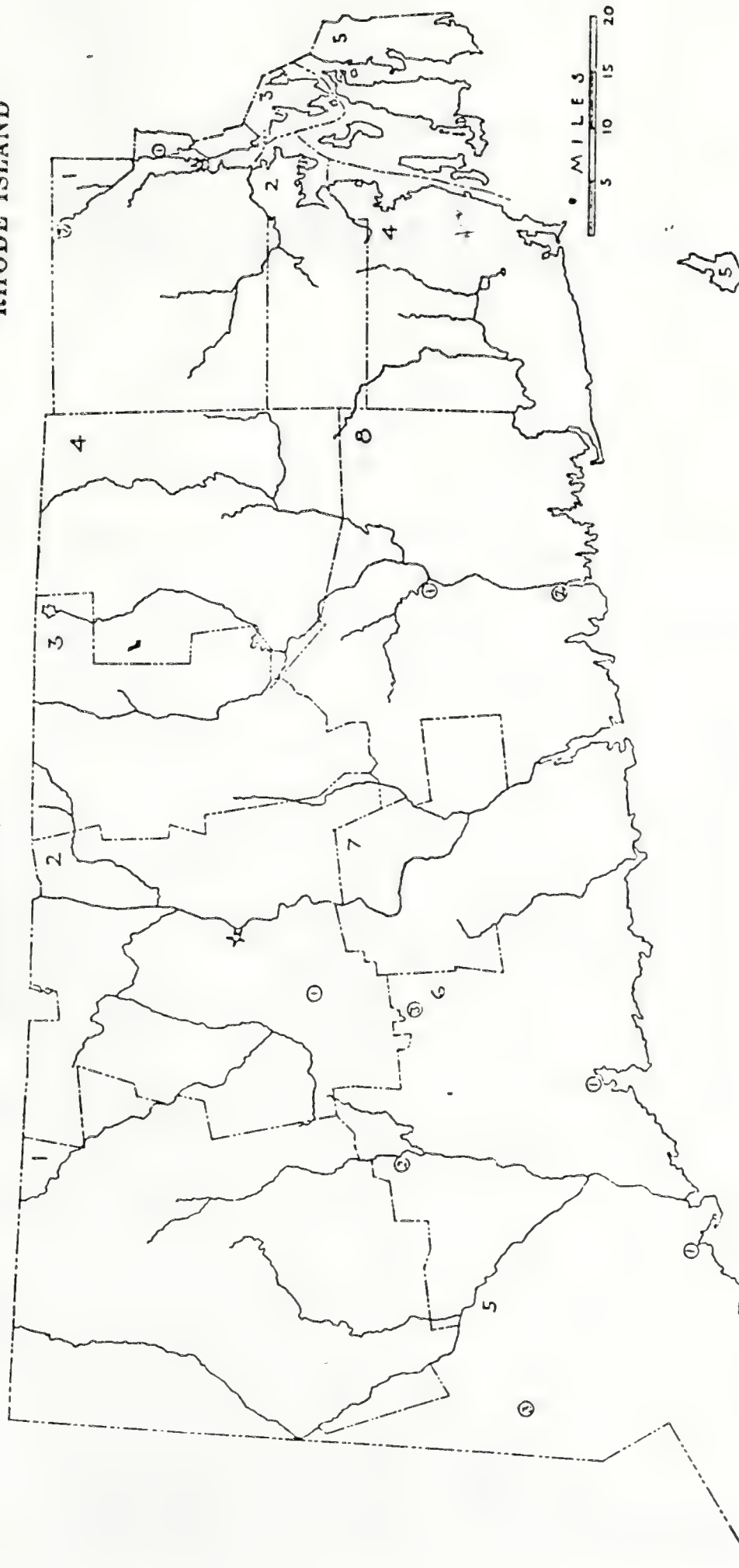
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⑥ New Bedford	
Dukes	13
Essex	7
① Lynn	
⑥ Lawrence	
⑥ Haverhill	
⑥ Salem	
Franklin	2
Hampden	4
① Springfield	
⑥ Holyoke	
Hampshire	3
Middlesex	6
① Lowell	
⑥ Cambridge	
⑥ Somerville	
⑥ Malden	
⑥ Newton	
Nantucket	14
Plymouth	10
① Brockton	
⑥ Plymouth	
Suffolk	8
★ Boston	
Worcester	5
① Fitchburg	



# CONNECTICUT

# RHODE ISLAND



## CONNECTICUT

Counties	
Fairfield.....	5
Hartford.....	2
Litchfield.....	1
Middlesex.....	7
New Haven.....	6
Stamford.....	3
Tolland.....	4
Windham.....	4

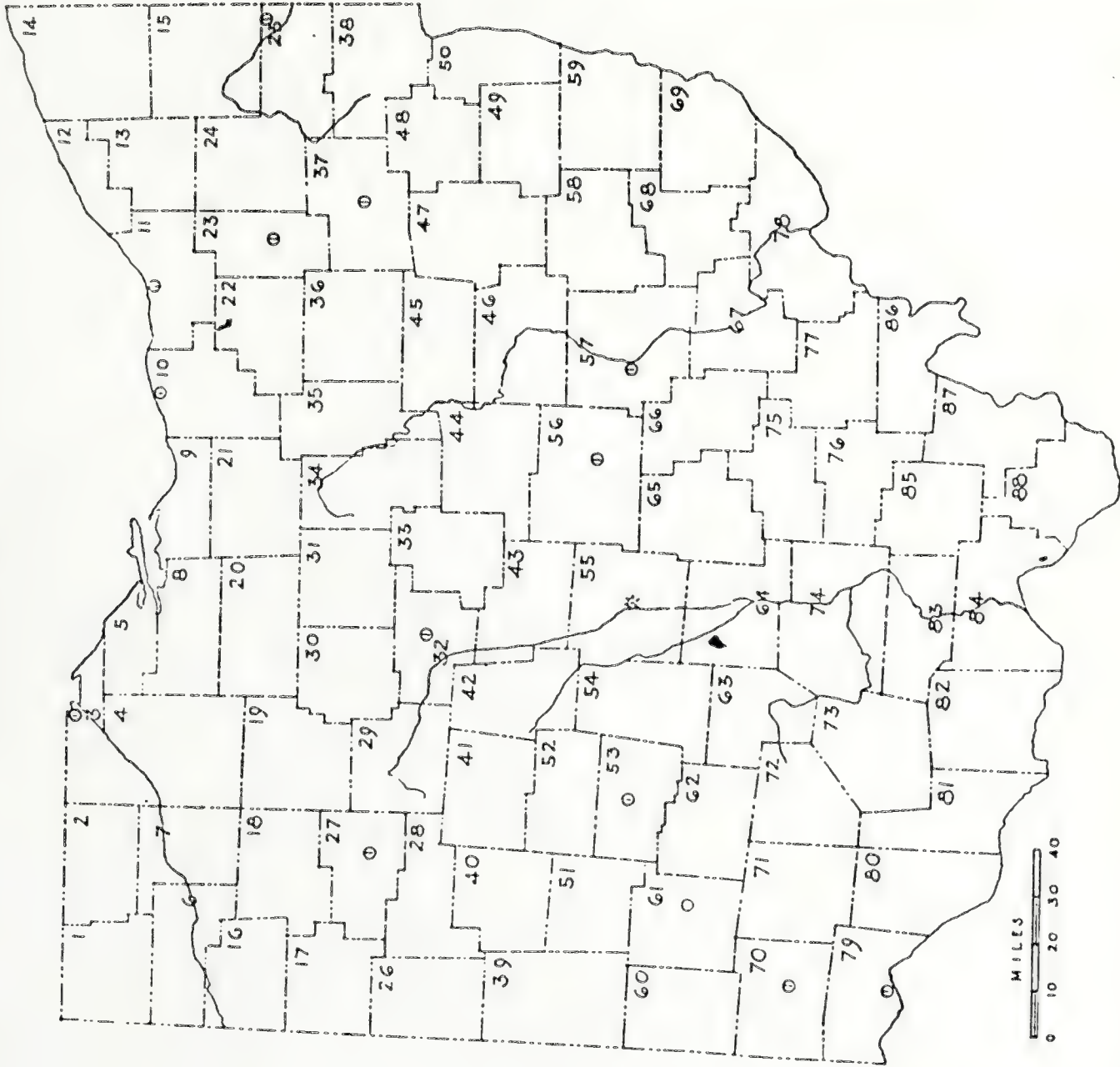
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Counties	
Bristol.....	3
Kent.....	2
Newport.....	5
Providence.....	1
Warwick.....	2
Washington.....	4
Woonsocket.....	3





# OHIO



## Counties

Adams.....	82
Allen.....	27
Ashtabula.....	35
Ashland.....	14
Athens.....	17
Auchincloss.....	24
Belmont.....	59
Brown.....	81
Butler.....	70
Carroll.....	48
Champaign.....	52
Clark.....	53
Clermont.....	80
Columbiana.....	38
Coshocton.....	46
Crawford.....	31
Cuyahoga.....	11
Darke.....	39
Defiance.....	6
Delaware.....	43
Erie.....	9
Fairfield.....	65
Fayette.....	63
Franklin.....	55
Fulton.....	2
Gallia.....	87
Geauga.....	13
Greene.....	62
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Hamilton.....	79
Hancock.....	19
Hardin.....	29
Harrison.....	49
Henry.....	7
Hickland.....	73
Hocking.....	75
Holmes.....	45
Huron.....	21
Jackson.....	85
Jefferson.....	50
Knox.....	44
Lake.....	12
Lawrence.....	88
Licking.....	56
Lorain.....	41
Lorain.....	10
Lucas.....	3
Madison.....	54
Manitowish.....	25
Marion.....	32
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Medina.....	22
Mercer.....	26
Miami.....	51
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Montgomery.....	61
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Morrow.....	33
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Noble.....	68
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Nottingham.....	10
Paulding.....	10
Perry.....	60
Pickaway.....	64
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Portage.....	24
Preble.....	60
Putnam.....	18
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Tuscarawas.....	15
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